

lady who happens to work as a mortician, Jesus said let the dead bury the dead and sometimes I think that advice is very appropos but at any rate the first comment that she made was that she doesn't like to talk to much, she likes to listen. Well from my participating in this Legislature you know that when people have been under represented or not represented at all they should be able to speak. We have listened for too many years, it is time now for us to advise those of you whom we are seeking policy changes from to tell you what changes we feel need to occur, why we think those changes should occur and advise you the best way to bring them about. An orderly procedure for resolving problems in a school district is not to go to federal court but to let those who are elected to represent the people solve it at the school board level and it is a federal government determination that the Omaha School District is not satisfactorily representing the interests of all of the people consequently they must be compelled by the federal court process to do so this ought to let you know how hellish the situation is at Omaha that is being faced by certain children there as far as saying that this should be a local problem as Senator Syas suggests put to a vote of the people, the rights of one groups should not be left to those who have demonstrated that they are hostile to the interest of those people. He is not opposed to the school board selecting a Lincoln firm to coordinate the activities of the committee that Senator Goodrich talks about. Why go to Lincoln for a private firm to coordinate a Omaha committee duty. In addition to that, the Omaha School Board is not even footing the bill. They got it from Northern Natural Gas. \$14,000 they are paying a committee which is doing nothing to try to hinder the activities in the Federal Court which would instill rights to black children. It is not primarily a racial issue. There are other districts in the city which are not getting proper treatment in the schools. But the district that I live in, the one that I come from, is the one that I am most familiar with. I visited a school and gave a talk which was recently opened by the school district in an attempt to hold off federal action. They named it Martin Luther King, middle school. The school designed to maintain segregation. It is a type of school to make sure that no black children in the black area spill over into the neighboring white school. The first day of school it was under attended, the next day it was over crowded. The children were told that they must go to Martin Luther King school were subsequently farmed out to other schools. The parents didn't know what was happening, the students didn't know what was happening, nor did the teachers or the faculty members. The school had no books in the library and until the time that I put pressure on the Federal Judge who was hearing this case and certain representatives of the school system who deal with library matters there were not to be books in this library. Books in this library of a school, which the school board wanted to have opened even though it would serve a segregated effect. They told the judge that it was not for that purpose. They were prepared to open that school in September of this year. We argued that it ought not be opened until the matter was resolved by the court. They got it opened anyway by saying that if they did not open the school in September they would not know what to do with the students. That everything was ready to go. Yet when the opened the school they did not have library books. These are the kinds of issues that have existed from the beginning which continue to exist now and I don't see how anybody can say that it is going to destroy an education system to allow somebody to be represented on that body of children who are currently not being represented. How can the situation exist as it does? Here is the thing that I want to emphasize to you again. The state has the responsibility